



# ABERDEEN SCHOOL

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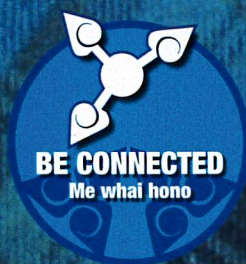
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Me whai mana



**BE THINKERS**  
Me whai whakaaro



**BE KIND AND  
RESPECTFUL**  
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**BE CONNECTED**  
Me whai hono



**BE CREATIVE**  
Me whai auaha

**ABERDEEN SCHOOL VALUES**



**Ngaa Pou e Rima o Aberdeen**



# Newsletter No.1

TERM 1, 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Pupils and Friends of the School. Tena koutou katoa.  
Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



## **P** RINCIPAL'S PIECE

Kia ora koutou

**Network Upgrade:** The Ministry of Education approved a network upgrade for Aberdeen School and this work has been in progress this week. Thank you for using the school cell phone number to contact the school earlier in the week. The school phonenumber has now been redirected to the school cell phone while the network upgrade is being completed.

**Classroom Replacement Project:** Work on the new classrooms is progressing well and will be completed soon. We are hoping to open the new classrooms next month and this will free up the staffroom and the library for staff and student use.

**PTA Chill Zone:** A big thank you to the Aberdeen School PTA who are funding a new junior chill zone for our students. The chill zone is being constructed between the two new classroom blocks and is starting to take shape. This will be completed and opened along with the new classrooms in March.

**Junior Toilet Upgrade:** The Board of Trustees is currently finalising the procurement for work to upgrade the junior toilet block. This will mean that the toilet block will be closed while the work is being done, however, the newly opened block of classrooms will have toilets for students to use.

**Meet the Teacher:** The teaching teams are busy planning their 'Meet the Teacher' evenings which are taking place over the next two weeks. Come along to hear about the work your child will be doing in their class 😊

**School Triathlon:** The date for our first whole school event has been set. The annual school triathlon is taking place on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. A reminder that you are welcome to come along to support your child/ren as they participate 😊

**PTA AGM:** The PTA AGM is being held tonight at 6.30 pm in the school staffroom (which is currently a classroom). Everyone is welcome to attend. The AGM will be followed by an ordinary PTA meeting.

Lesley Lomas, Principal

### **Contact Details**

Please make sure you inform the school office if your contact details have changed. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in the event your child is sick or hurt.

Thank you.

### **Informing the school of a child's**

#### **absence:**

Note ... when texting (021 857622) or phoning (847 7312) in an absence, please ensure you give a reason for the child's absence. This is a requirement for the Ministry of Education. You can now advise via the Skool Loop App.

### **2023 School Term Dates**

Term 4: 9/10/2023 to 14/12/2023

#### **2024 School Term Dates**

Term 1: 30/01/2024 to 12/04/2024

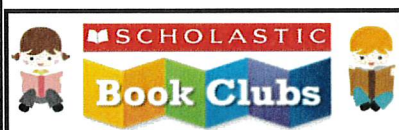
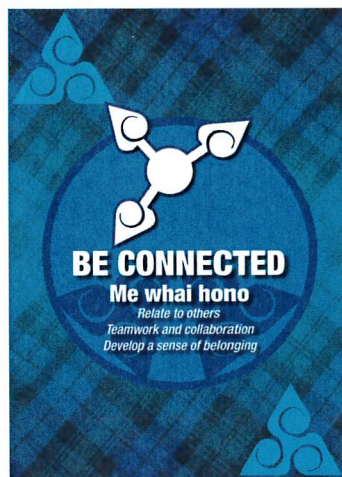
Term 2: 29/04/2024 to 05/07/2024

Term 3: 22/07/2024 to 27/09/2024

Term 4: 14/10/2024 to 13/12/2024



The current values  
focus is:  
Be Connected



Issue No 1 is now out and  
orders close on the 23rd  
February

#### Lost and Found Property

Parents / Caregivers please write your child's FULL SURNAME and at least the first initial of their first name on all uniform and items that your child brings to school. All named property will be immediately returned to the child's class teacher. Please regularly check that the name is still easily read. Any unnamed property will be collected and placed outside the lost / found property shed during the school day and will be there until students have gone home. Students / Parents can check for items lost during the day in this bin, or at Friday assembly, or on the photos on our Facebook page. The current process for any unclaimed lost property is on the school website.



PTA Meeting  
Save the date!

15 February 2024

Join us to find out more about what we do or  
how you can help.

#### PTA and our annual AGM meeting

Date: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Staff Room - Entry through Principal car park by  
front office, directional signs will be out



Thinking about joining? Why not...

- Our students benefit.
- Our school benefits.
- You benefit.
- Creating connections.

Hope to see you there 😊

Abbey Booth - Chair | Cassy Needham - Secretary

Jessica Hall - Vice Chair | Corinna Waldron - Treasurer

Email: [pta@aberndeen.school.nz](mailto:pta@aberndeen.school.nz)

## Dates to Remember

19/2	Yr 2 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
20/2/24	Year 6 fun run for camp
20/2	Yr 6 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
21/2	Yr 1 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
22/2	Yr 3 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
26/2	Yr 5 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
27/2	Yr 4 Parent Evening 6pm-7pm
28/2	School Triathlon
13/3/24	P.T.A. Meeting 6-30 to 7-30

**ATTENDANCE** - Attending school every day is important for students to develop skills for life-long learning. There is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom. Students aged 6 - 16 years are legally required to attend school every day.

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has set targets to improve student attendance across New Zealand schools as currently there are many students not attending school regularly. Aberdeen School has a Ministry Attendance Service Officer who will be working with us to ensure that all children are regularly attending school. Aberdeen School continues to engage with Bluelight Attendance Services to support us in lifting the attendance rates of students who are moderately and chronically absent.

If your child is away it is essential that you let the School Office know by phoning 07 8477 312, through the Skool Loop app or text 021 857 622. We need to know what date/s your child will be away and the reason for their absence.

As a school many hours are spent on attendance, and in classrooms teachers are working really hard to catch students up on learning activities they have missed out on due to absence. Please work in partnership with us by ensuring your child is at school on time every day.

### Attendance Impacts on Time Spent at School Learning...

1 or 2 days a week does not seem much, but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Which over 8 years of schooling is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Three Terms + two weeks
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	1.5 Years + 4 weeks
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	3 Years + 8 weeks
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	4 years, 3 Terms + 2 weeks

How about 10 mins late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Which over 8 years of schooling is...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	1 Term and 2 weeks
20 mins per day	1 hour 40mins per/wk	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Over 2 Terms
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	3 Terms + 2 weeks
1 hour per day	1 day per week	40 days per year	One year, 2 terms + 4 weeks





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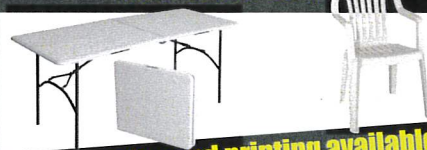
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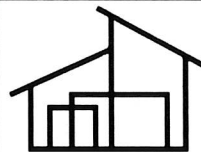
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